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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 28, 2006. Claims 22-50 remain pending in this application. Claims 22, 23, 29, 31, 35, 41, 42, 43, and 47 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 22-30 and 35-50 are allowed. Applicants further note with appreciation the indication that Claim 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form

The Office Action rejected Claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being incomplete for missing an essential element. Applicants respectfully believe the amendment to Claim 31 renders the rejection moot and request its withdrawal.

In response to the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejection of Claims 33 and 34, Applicants respectfully believe the amendments to Claims 33 and 34 render the rejection moot and request its withdrawal.

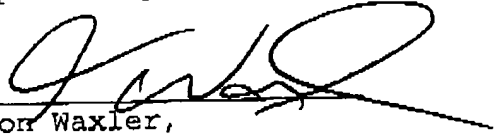
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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